YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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Your Comments

Liturgically Yours

by Fr. Harvey

Comment: "My family comes to St. John's regularly; we are registered contributors. We derive much from your liturgy. Please continue to strive to meet the spiritual needs of your diversified congregations."

Response: This comment hits at the core challenge facing any parish Worship Commission. It is, of course, a much easier task to plan a liturgy for a fairly homogeneous congregation. Such a congregation is never found at a regular parish celebration when the age of participants range from small children to faithful parishioners in their golden years and the backgrounds and interests are almost as varied as the age of participants. The many Penance services being held here in the parish this month is an attempt to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with homogeneous groupings.

Comment: "Suggest that the priest wear a cordless mike so as to be heard while not at the altar."

We have tried unsuccessfully to use a cordless mike in our church. Numerous times we tried; numerous times we failed. The salesman provided us with more than one such microphone but to no avail. Since the only time the priest does not have a microphone for use during the Mass is the time when he is at the presidential chair, we will try to remedy this. This problem was discussed when we met with the commentators and lectors recently.

Comment: "Do all the greeting of peace before Mass starts or at a place in the Mass not just before communion."

The place of the greeting of peace is determined by the Liturgical Congregation in Rome. When the Liturgical reform was made, the liturgists who reintroduced this beautiful gesture into the Liturgy had two choices. The greeting of peace was found in ancient liturgy both where we exchange the greetings now (before Communion) and also immediately after the liturgy of the Word. The time before Communion was chosen and is now incorporated into the official Rite of the Mass. This of course, is a very appropriate time to exchange a sign of unity and peace as we approach to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Unity and Forgiveness. Hopefully, the greeting of peace is not the only time we exchange a greeting with one another or acknowledge one another's presence. We have asked the usher's to represent our parish as official greeters (one of their rightful duties). An usher will stand at each door of the church to welcome parishioners and guests. Please help them out.

--More next week

HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Guitar-Folk
Celebration of Confession

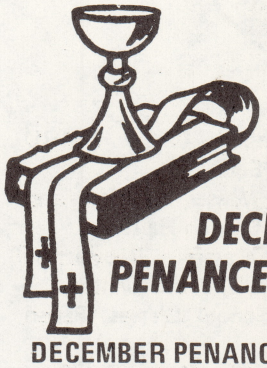
ATTENTION: ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS

We are providing an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Christmas.

SUNDAY, December 17 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be an hour of Religious Education, starting at 6:30 p.m., the usual time, followed by this reception of the Sacrament of Penance. Even if you have not been attending classes, all of us should prepare for Christmas by going to Confession.

PARENTS CAN HELP BY COMING WITH THEIR TEENAGERS!



DECEMBER PENANCE SERVICES

DECEMBER PENANCE SERVICES AND SCHEDULES

December 17 - Senior High Students
6:30 -8:00 PM
December 18 - Junior High Students
6:45 -7:45 PM
December 21 - Regular Confession Schedule
10:00 -11:00 AM
3:30 -4:30 PM
8:00 -9:00 PM
December 22 - Adult Communal Service
7:30 -8:30 PM
December 23 -Regular Confession Schedule
3:30 -4:30 PM
8:00 -9:00 PM

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 9:00 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD. EITHER HERE AT ST. JOHN'S OR IN THE AREA.

CHURCH DECORATING:
Evenings of December 19th and 20th.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
12:00 Midnight Mass; 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
12:00 Midnight Mass
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

THANK YOU...

to all who helped in any way to make Father King's birthday party a success. Many hands were at work in the preparation and serving and many were in attendance in order to properly usher Father into his 49th celebration. The Service Commission is most grateful for all of your efforts.

parish calendar

SUNDAY, December 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Coffee and Doughnuts, Church Hall

9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Parish Center

9:00 a.m. - Pre-School Classes, Parish Center

6:30 p.m. Last Sr. High Religious Education Class for this Series includes Penance Service at 7:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Youth Executive Meeting & Christmas Party, Convent

MONDAY, December 18

4:30 p.m. Brownies meet in Parish Center Lunchroom

6:45 p.m. Jr. High Religious Education Program includes Penance Service

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall

TUESDAY, December 19 - CHURCH DECORATING TONIGHT

1:00 p.m. Project Transition meets in Parish Center Lunchroom

NO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center

7:30 p.m. Convert Classes, Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, December 20 - CHURCH DECORATING TONIGHT

4:30 p.m. Elementary Program B, Religious Education, Parish Center

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

THURSDAY, December 21 - WINTER BEGINS

NO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE – CHECK PAGE 1 FOR TIMES.

FRIDAY, December 22

7:30 p.m. Adult Communal Penance Service in Church

SATURDAY, December 23

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 9:00 PM TODAY, EITHER HERE AT ST. JOHN'S OR IN THE AREA CHURCHES.

REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE AS ON PAGE 1.

7:00 p.m. Leaving for Christmas caroling for Jr-Sr High School students. Be on the parking lot before 7:00 p.m. You and your friends are invited.

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday, December 10 . . . . . .$2,252.40

LADIES NEEDED

On Thursday, December 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the altar and church cleaning will be done for Christmas. We ask for as much help as possible to undertake this tremendous task. If you can offer your services, bring a bucket, sponge, and cloths with you that morning and help make our church gleam for Christmas.

WORK THAT IS ENJOYABLE

It takes a great deal of thought and planning to work on the fund-raising crew, but what a crew we have in this parish!

Parish Dinners have been established at St. John's at last and from the looks of those attending and positively commenting, they are here to stay. What most of you don't know, however, is all the planning that goes into such a project in order to bring you together at St. John's to meet and greet fellow-parishioners. The "chefs" are hard at work days before deciding on the appropriate menu and scouting stores for the best buys. As if that isn't enough work in itself, they are in the kitchen days ahead of time scouring all the pots and pans and making sure that all is in readiness for early Sunday morning when they begin the cooking. I'm sure all the parishioners have had the experience of sitting at Mass on the second Sunday and smelling the tempting aromas from the kitchen! Of course, we must have many hands in order to do the cooking, dishing out, serving, dishwashing, hostessing, and myriad other duties, and so there are many to thank in the sidelines whom most of you don't see. Without them, things would not go smoothly. There are too many to name in such an article, but each is important and we appreciate everything they do to keep such a dinner going.

It all began with a suggestion and look what a mini-bazaar the ladies worked up for you. For weeks they met in the Gillman home and created their own designs and fashions. Many who couldn't meet with the others worked quietly at home and donated their articles at the proper time. We were overwhelmed with the response of so many. Evidence of their handiwork on Sunday showed their many hours of work which they truly enjoyed because they were doing their part for the parish. We tried to keep track of the participants but as the list grew and donations came in when no one was around, it was impossible, so all we can say is that we appreciate your efforts each and every one.

Then it would be impossible to know whom to serve without our men who take in tickets and do a million other bits of handiwork around the area. They always seem to know just what to do, and of course, with Ted Weber at the helm, who could go wrong. They have been an important asset to the work on Sundays and we want them to know their silent work does not go unnoticed.

It seems that as our dinners grow and our coffee and doughnut hours are attended, many families are asking to be a part of this endeavor. We are always grateful for your offers, and hopefully others will follow this example so that we are working together at St. John's to make our parish a united parish through united efforts. The Service Commission and particularly the Fund-Raising crew are deeply grateful for helping us do the many jobs we have set for ourselves.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

On Sunday, December 10, 1972, at 1:30 p.m., Michael Joseph Buschell, Jr., son of Michael and Becky Goss Buschell was baptized into St. John's Parish family by Father David Harvey. Michael's godparents were John Goss and Mary Patricia Myers.

Jennifer Lynn Work, daughter of Randy Work and Marilyn Durfee Work, was received into St. John's Parish family through Baptism administered by Father David Harvey on December 10, 1972. Jennifer's godparents were William and Patricia Zolkosky.

Welcome Michael and Jennifer.

PARISHIONER IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Philip Stokes, affectionately known as Donnie by those who have worked with her, has been actively at work with the Church Women United group for many years in Ypsilanti as member delegate and as committee chairman. Recently 8 new officers were installed with the Office of Secretary accepted by Donnie.

We take the time to thank her for all her work as the representative of our parish and also to congratulate her on her new position.

REMINDERS:

PAPER DRIVE: The Boy Scouts of Troop 240 are collecting papers today. If you have any to contribute, please bring them to the parking lot sometime today.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Members are in full swing in preparation for this happy season. Is anyone else willing to join in this effort?

YOUTH CHOIR: Practices are held on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m...we can always use more voices.

COFFEE HOURS: If you have been in regular attendance, you've noticed that the coffee hours are really expanding. If you haven't been coming down to the church hall after the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Masses, now is a good time to begin.

COLLEGE GRANT: Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan is allowing each parish to recommend one student for a grant-of-aid of $300.00 which is renewable annually if the student remains in good academic standing. If anyone is interested in being the possible candidate, please contact any member of the parish team or parish council for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TWINKLE TOWN, December 19th., 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW AT BELLE ISLE.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT COBO HALL and a TOUR OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

Lunch at Greenfields...Reservations by December 18th.

Call: 483-0773 and ask for Pat.

FLORIDA TRIP. January 15 - 28. $340.00 - asking for $100.00 deposit no later than December 22, 1972. Call: 483-0773 and ask for Pat, or write:

TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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The Orchard Lake Schools are preparing their Christmas on Campus Musicale for Sunday, December 17, at 7:30 PM. Admission is free.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 18, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mrs. Catherine Buytendorp, req. by the Family

TUESDAY, December 19, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Catherine & Charles Seeger, req. by Marie & Adelaide Seeger
11:00 a.m. Paul, Leo, and George Stachlewicz, req. by Marie Stachlewicz

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Paul, Leo and George Stachlewicz, req. by Marie Stachlewicz

THURSDAY, December 21, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Alpha Hinsch, req. by Mrs. Helen Hinsch
11:00 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek

FRIDAY, December 22, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Deceased of Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George Max

SATURDAY, December 23, 1972 - Weekday
2:00 p.m. - Wedding Mass - Mark Rudolph & Sheila Dickinson
5:00 p.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
6:15 p.m. Wedding Mass - Robert Swope & Carolyn Kuspa

SUNDAY, December 24, 1972
7:00 a.m. Henry Zeininger, req. by Mrs. H. Zeininger
9:00 a.m. John & Helena Stachlewicz, req. by Marie Stachlewicz
11:00 a.m. Edward & Clara LeFevre, req. by their daughter
12:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of December 17, 1972

Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
TEAM 1 - John & Jim Pryce
Thursday, Friday,
TEAM 2 - Rob & Jim Eberts

Saturday, December 23, 1972
5:00 p.m. Mike Presensky & Greg Gillman

Sunday, December 24, 1972
7:00 a.m. Tim O'Hara & Mike Prevost
9:00 a.m. Tom Weisharr & Larry Dupuis
11:00 a.m. Jerry Moses & David Gallesero
12:30 p.m. Rick Steeby & Jeff Steeby

Weddings and Funerals:
Bill Wagner, Danny Gefre
Tim O'Hara, Mike Prevost

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

December 24, 1972
9:00 a.m. Kris Carpenter & Peg Birdsall
11:00 a.m. Connie Barnard & Denise Schenher

There will be no babysitting service on Christmas Day.

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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